



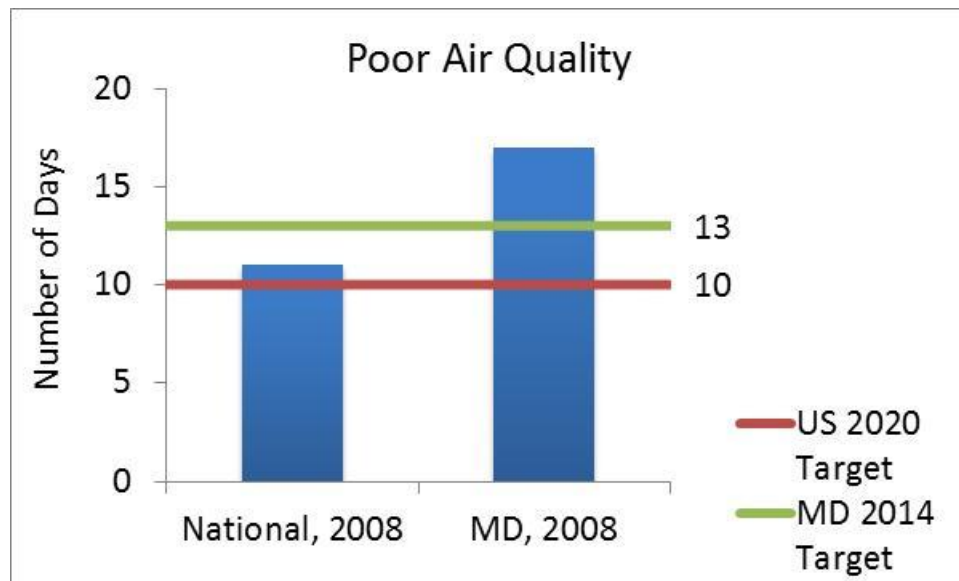
Vision Area 3: Safe Physical

Objective 19: Reduce the number of days the Air Quality Index (AQI) exceeds 100

When air pollutants are above certain levels, they are considered harmful to health and the environment. For example, they are associated with aggravation of asthma, premature death from heart and lung diseases, and increased acid conditions in lakes and streams. Air pollution sources are both local and regional, and can be influenced by sources both in and out of the State.

Statistics and Goals

Measure: Number of days with unhealthy air quality (AQI above 100)



Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency Historic Air Quality Data

National Baseline	Maryland Baseline	Healthy People 2020 Target	Maryland 2014 Target
11	17	10	13

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